

COUNCIL BRIEFS

September 25, 2015

World's Largest Origami Butterfly: It's official! Guinness World Records has named Webster Hill Elementary School as the record holder of the world's largest origami butterfly with its measurements of 4.36 by 3.29 meters. This monumental act was recorded on Mar. 11, in the school's gym under the direction of math tutor Madelyn Filomeno and physical education teacher Eileen Shahverdian. Students Amy Ni and Annie Lopez-Lopez folded a 7.3 meter Kraft paper square into the origami butterfly. The idea began several years ago as a result of the school's Family Math Night. Students learned about angles and mathematical equations while having fun constructing the paper butterfly. Students created origami butterflies on a small scale, then larger and larger models until one day they decided to create a new world record with Guinness!

Recreation Sign-Up Easier than Ever: Registering is easier than ever to sign-up for any of the activities offered by West Hartford Leisure Service because each program in the Fall/Winter recreation catalog is now linked directly to the online registration! Just one click and you are on way to completing the registration process. To view hundreds of offerings for all ages, go to www.WestHartfordCT.gov/LeisureServices.

Great ideas in law enforcement: Chief Tracey Gove's article "Graduate Program Furthering the Professionalism of Law Enforcement" was featured in the "Great Ideas" cover story of *Police Chief* magazine this month. The article focused on West Hartford Police Department's collaboration with Central Connecticut State University to offer a Master's program to future leaders in the field. This unique program which began in 2012, provides a graduate level educational opportunity in law enforcement while serving to enhance the professionalism within the career field as a whole. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Paving on Mountain Road this Saturday: Mountain Road from Lostbrook Road to Albany Avenue will be paved this Saturday, Sept. 26 from 7 AM to 5 PM. Police will assist with traffic control. Signs will be posted that businesses are open. This work is being conducted on the weekend to avoid congestion with weekday rush hour traffic and school bus transportation.

U of H Class of 2019 visits West Hartford Center: University of Hartford welcomes its largest incoming freshman class since 2009! Broken into groups of 20 students, the freshman class was assigned three-to-six restaurants to visit in the Center as a way to get familiar with the area. This "liftoff" experience helped to break the ice between students and to offer an opportunity to introduce West Hartford to these new residents.

Lori Budnick receives the 'Build No Fences Award': Nearly 150 school, social service, and community leaders attended the Bridge Family Center's 'Breakfast on the Bridge' on Sept. 16 to kick-off a new year of partnership. At this meeting, the 'Build No Fences Award' is presented to an individual who sees no boundaries while working collaboratively with child advocates in an effort to support young people and their families. The award was presented to Lori Budnick, a CPA, partner and director of Blum Shapiro's Non-Profit Services Group. She has over 30 years of experience in the firm's non-profit sector.

Upcoming town events:

September 26, 8AM-1PM – MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection, DPW Yard, 17 Brixton Street

September 26, 10AM-2PM – National Take Back Drugs Day, Town Hall parking lot

October 3, 10:30 AM – Park Road Parade

October 8, Art League's pARTy in the Park

Ronald F. Van Winkle, Town Manager